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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICAN INQUIRY REGARDING NAVAL EXERCISES
REF: CARACAS 5339

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY CANADIAN AND BRITISH EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON OF THE RECEIPT BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSULAR OFFICES IN SAN JUAN OF LETTERS SIMILAR TO THAT RECEIVED BY VENEZUELAN CONSUL AT SAN JUAN INQUIRING AS TO THE USE BY THE CANADIAN AND UK NAVIES OF CULEBRA AS A NAVAL GUNNERY AND BOMBING TARGET. WE HAVE INFORMED GOC AND HMG EMBASSIES THAT DEPARTMENT PROPER CHANNEL FOR ANY RE-SPONSE TO THESE NOTES , WHICH DEPARTMENT WILL IN TURN DISCUSS WITH COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO GOVERNMENT.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED TO MEET WITH SPECIAL COUNSEL TO GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ COLON IN WASHINGTON TO EXPLAIN USG POSITION THAT PRESENTATION OF SUCH DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO FOREIGN CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES IS IMPROPER PROCEDURE; THAT EXPRESSIONS OF PUERTO RICAN CONCERN TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MUST BE COORDINATED WITH AND THROUGH DEPART-MENT OF STATE; AND THAT DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM GOVERNMENT
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OF PUERTO RICO, IN THIS INSTANCE OF CULEBRA MATTER, OF THE RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, UK, AND VENEZUELA IF WE BECOME AWARE THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS DESIRE, IN FACT, TO RESPOND.

3. REQUEST YOU INFORM GOV FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT PROPER CHANNEL FOR PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT APPROACH SHOULD HAVE BEEN THROUGH DEPARTMENT. ROGERS

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